



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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Dear ENERGY STAR Partner,

I am writing to update all industry participants on the status of the ENERGY STAR[®] Computer and Monitor MOU.

As you know EPA's ENERGY STAR Computer/Monitor MOU Version 2.1 has been in effect since 1995. Over the last year, EPA initiated a process to review the MOU guidelines and to update them to reflect the current state of technology. After initial research, EPA proposed changes to the compliance specifications. These changes were included in Draft 1.0 of the new Computer and Monitor MOUs and posted on the ENERGY STAR Office Equipment Web Site (www.epa.gov/appdstar/esoe/techinfo.html).

In addition to receiving written comments on these draft MOUs, EPA conducted a meeting with the ENERGY STAR Computer Discussion Group on September 18, 1998, in California. I would like to thank all of you who participated in this group process as well as those of you who submitted comments on Draft 1.0. EPA is trying to incorporate this feedback in the next drafts of the MOUs.

Although the current Computer/Monitor MOU (Version 2.1) is due to expire on December 31, 1998, EPA is extending this MOU — to remain in effect — until June 30th 1999. Each Partner will receive written confirmation of this extension.

Please note that Partners who manufacture products that are compliant with Version 2.1 of the MOU, can continue to identify those products as ENERGY STAR compliant. However, to qualify under this extension, these products must be launched by Partners before July 1, 1999. EPA expects Version 3.0 of the new Computer and Monitor MOUs to be in place by July 1, 1999.

In the next few weeks, EPA expects to post Draft 2.0 of the new Computer and Monitor MOUs on the EPA Web site. As in the past, I will issue e-mail to all of you stating when Draft 2.0 is available for review.

Finally, I would like to inform you that the ENERGY STAR Office Equipment Awards Application Package has also been posted on the EPA Web Site (<http://www.epa.gov/appdstar/esoe/news.html>). EPA encourages all of you to download the package and apply for the ENERGY STAR Partner and Ally of the Year Awards.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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